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<b>AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116</b>  Address to: Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket Confirmation No.	GUID-006CON6 4784
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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 12, 2006 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before April 12, 2006. This response is being filed within the two-month response period ending on March 13, 2006. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Applicants submit that the amendments set forth below raise no new issues. Rather, the amendments place the claims in form for allowance or in better form for appeal. Entry of these amendments is thus respectfully requested.

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